

THE NEW YEAR IN WESTERLY

Mill Whistles and Watch Night Parties Will Usher in the New Year—Miss Blackburn's Engagement Announced After Whist—Union Meetings Will Begin With the New Year, With Norwich Pastor as First Speaker.

Miss Charlotte Roberta Blackburn entertained her associates at the Bohemian Whist club Thursday evening at her home, No. 18 Liberty street, with Mrs. Alice J. Brant of Providence and Mrs. George T. Kenyon of Pawtucket as special guests. The rooms were attractively decorated for the occasion and the favors were red roses. After whist, a luncheon was served. Announcement was made of the marriage engagement of Miss Blackburn to James McCall Thomson, an employee of the Norwich and Westerly Traction company. Miss Elizabeth Hogan, a member of the whist club, and who is employed as operator with Miss Blackburn at the exchange of the Westerly Automatic Telephone company, was given a steamer shower. She is to sail soon for St. Petersburg, Fla., where she will spend two months' vacation.

The ministers of Westerly have arranged for a series of union meetings of an evangelistic nature to be held on the first Sunday evening of each month, to begin with the new year. The first meeting of the series will be held in the First Baptist church next Sunday evening, when the preacher will be Rev. Joel B. Slocum of Central Baptist church, Norwich, preacher. This service will also inaugurate a week of prayer which will be continued each evening, the special service being held in a different church each evening. These union services are calculated to increase and strengthen religious interest and for closer union among the churches. The order of the series of union meetings will be as follows:

Sunday evening, at First Baptist church, Rev. Joel B. Slocum of Central Baptist church, Norwich, preacher. Topic, Peace, International and National.

Monday, at Pawcatuck Congregational church, Rev. F. A. McDonald, leader.

Tuesday, at Calvary Baptist church, Rev. F. C. A. Jones, leader. Topic, Peace Through Brotherhood, Reform and Social Service.

Wednesday, at Grace Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. L. G. Horton, D. D. leader. Topic, Unity in the Church Throughout the World.

Thursday, at Broad street Christian church, Rev. John Dutton, leader. Topic, The Family and Youth; Spiritual Training.

Friday, at Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church, Rev. C. A. Burdick, leader. Topic, The Prince of Peace in Victory and Glory.

The quarters of the People's Mission were taxed to capacity Thursday evening, the occasion being a Christmas festival, including a Christmas tree, with all it implies, and a concert and exercises by the children, under the direction of Arthur R. Riley, superintendent of the mission Sunday school. It was a most pleasurable event, not only for the children, who appreciated the generosity of Santa Claus, but also to those charitably inclined ladies and gentlemen who provided the ways and means for the good cheer and merriment that prevailed.

Local Laconics.

Mill whistles will give notice of the advent of the New Year.

Watch meetings in some of the churches and at many private residences.

The creditors of Mrs. Harry A. Burdick have agreed upon a settlement based upon 75 cents on a dollar. The

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STORE OPEN FRIDAY EVENING
WILL CLOSE AT 1 O'CLOCK SATURDAY

Start the New Year Right.

NICELY CURED SMOKED

SHOULDERS, lb. 12¹/₂c

FRESH LITTLE PIG

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Cut from Extra Prime Beef. 16c-18c lb

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12c lb 14c lb 16c lb

Cabbage Free

BROOKLYN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Supper and Christmas Entertainment

Provided at Congregational Church.

The Congregational Sunday school

held their Christmas entertainment

Friday evening, Dec. 30. The ladies

of the Sunday school furnished supper

to all present at 5:30. The committee

in charge of the supper was Mrs. C. E. Lawrence, Mrs. Oliver P.

Downs, Mrs. J. E. Meyer and Mrs. Arthur Potter and it was greatly enjoyed.

At eight p. m. the Christmas entertainment

was given by the school by singing

Christmas carols, solos and recitations.

At the end of the entertainment, Oliver Downs, who presented

to each child a present and all of the congregation was presented with a

box of candy and an orange. The Sunday school held their election

of officers on Sunday, Dec. 19 and the following officers were elected for the year:

John P. Meyer, superintendent; El-

liott E. Allen, assistant superintendent; Miss Florence Blake, secretary and

treasurer; Miss Dorothy Blake, assistant secretary and treasurer; Miss Ella Lawton, librarian; Mrs. Marshall

J. Frink, organist.

The following were presented with

solid gold pins with the Sunday

during the year: Mrs. C. G. Lawrence, Mrs. Olive F. Downs, Miss Marshall

J. Frink, Mrs. Elliot E. Allen, Mrs. Mary C. Meyer, Miss Martha De-

Viney, Miss Laura Pike, Miss Catherine Lawton, Bessie Page, C. G. Lawrence, Mr. Bornbauer, Eugene Downs,

Charles Page, Scott Page and John P. Meyer. Mrs. Main was presented a

silver pin for not having missed a Sunday during the last three months.

Miss Josephine Steele is spending the school vacation with her

mother at Deep River.

MOTIVE LACKING FOR

THE BETHEL TRAGEDY

Funerals of the Five Victims Will Be

Held Today.

Bethel, Conn., Dec. 30.—Further investigation today of the circumstances

attending the slaying by William A. Steele of four members of his family

at their home here last night and the subsequent suicide of Steele, failed to

disclose any new motive for the crime. The authorities are convinced, however,

that Steele attacked his wife in a moment of jealous rage and that his

brother-in-law, James L. Riley, went to the woman's assistance and

fell victim to the murderer's axe while trying to defend her.

It is conjectured that after killing his wife and her brother, Steele's

tragedy took full possession of him and led him to batter in the heads of the

two little daughters of his wife, Winnie and Hannah Hubbard, aged 6 and

4 years, respectively.

The authorities have been unable to determine definitely the hour at which

the crime was committed, but it is believed that the murders took place be-

fore half past four in the afternoon, at which time Steele purchased the

poison with which he ended his own life an hour and a half later.

The five bodies rest in an undertaker's establishment and the funerals

will be held tomorrow. Mrs. Hannah Riley, mother of the murdered woman,

has refused to permit the murderer to be buried with the other members

of the family and he will have a separate funeral tomorrow, while a quadruple funeral will be held over the

bodies of the others.

RAVAGES OF TYPHUS

IN MEXICO CITY

315 Deaths During November—1,500

New Cases in Early December.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 30.—There were 315 deaths from typhus in Mexico City in November, according to a

report of the city's health department received today by Juan T. Burdick, Mexican consul here. The report adds

that during the first two weeks of December there were approximately 1,500 new cases reported.

BRITISH RECRUITING IN

CHICAGO IS ALLEGED

Investigation Ordered by the Department of Justice.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Alleged recruiting in Chicago for the British army

for the purpose of invading Mexico

after the departure of the British

army from the city, has been the

subject of investigation by the

department of justice, which has

ordered an investigation of the

alleged recruiting in Chicago.

One of the circulars said to have

been received by young men here was

to bear the United States and the

British flags and a representation

of Uncle Sam and John Bull with

hands clasped.

FALLING OFF IN MILEAGE

OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

Fewer Miles Built During Past Year

Than Any Since 1884.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Fewer miles of

railroad were built in the United

States during 1915 than in any other

year since 1884 and more miles of

road were in receivers' hands during

the year than ever before, according

to railway statistics compiled from

official sources by the Railway Age

Gazette and made public tonight.

In 1915 the total miles of new rail-

road constructed in the United States

were 932 compared with 1,532 in 1914,

and 3,071 in 1913. There also was a

reduction in the second trackage built.

Eleven states built no new road at

all.

Canadian roads 718 miles of new

first track as compared with 1,978 in

1914.

According to the statistics quoted,

receivers now hold an operate 38,661

miles of railroad with a total funded

debt of \$1,697,895,500 and a total capital

stock of \$747,004,501. The roads in

the hands of receivers represent

nearly a sixth of the total mileage and

capitalization of the railroads of the

United States. On October 1 there

were 41,000 miles of railroads in the

hands of receivers, the greatest ever

recorded. Since then the receivership

of the Wabash, 2,515 miles has been

terminated and several smaller roads

have been sold under foreclosure.

Statistics on the number of new

cars and locomotives ordered during

1915 show that there was an increase

over 1914, but was smaller than any

other year in recent times, except 1908.

The new freight cars ordered in 1915

totalled 107,796, as compared with 80,-

talled in 1914 and 146,732 in 1913. New

passenger cars numbered 3,092 against

2,002 in 1914 and 3,179 in 1913.

PROF. FISHER DECLINES

MAYORALTY NOMINATION

Announcement Made by Chairman of

Middletown Democratic Town Committee.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 30.—Professor

Willard C. Fisher, recently nominated

for mayor on the democratic ticket, has

positively declined the nomination.

The announcement was made today by

J. H. Fagan, chairman of the democratic

town committee and Daniel J. McCarthy,

state central committee member. Professor

Fisher who is now in a hospital in New

York recovering from an operation had

stated that he would not accept the nomination under any

conditions.

The vacancy will be filled by the

democratic town committee.

AUSTRIA'S SECOND REPLY

IN PENFIELD'S HANDS.

State Department Informed That It Is

3,000 Words Long.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Ambassador

Penfield at Vienna, has received Austria's

reply to the second American note

regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona.

An official announcement to the effect was made by Secretary

Lansing today.

Ambassador Penfield reported that the

reply was about three thousand words

long and contained considerable information

which would be necessary to place the

communication in code in the embassy in

Vienna. There was nothing in his dispatch

to indicate the tenor of the reply.

One of the state department men

believed the note would arrive some

time before Saturday.

TEUTONS WITHDRAWING

FROM MACEDONIA.

Action Attributed to Russian Advance

in Bessarabia.

London, Dec. 30, 6 p. m.—The Ger-

mans and Austrians have begun a

general withdrawal along the entire

front in Macedonia, according to a

despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company

from Rome, quoting a message from